(b) if so, the site selected for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (*SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO*): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The site selected is in Balasore district of Orissa.

(c) The proposal is being finalised. Action is in hand to obtain necessary sanction and progress the project.

Rural Electrification Corporation

129. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has launched any scheme to provide electricity in the remote areas;

(b) whether the Corporation has implemented some hydel projects for that purpose;

(c) if so, the amount spent by the Corporation in the Sixth Plan for that purpose; and

(d) the details of State-wise works done by the Corporation in the Sixth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation have formulated a proposal for financing Mini/Micro Hydel Projects for supplying electricity in far-flung and remote areas. The proposal has not yet been finalized and its implementation would depend on the availability of resources in the Seventh Plan.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rural Health Guide Scheme in North-Eastern Region

130. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States and Union Territories in the North Eastern Region where Rural Health Guide Scheme has been in operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not been properly supervising the scheme in the above States and Union Territories; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Scheme is being implemented in the States/Union Territories of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram in North Eastern Region.

(b) No, Sir. The Rural Health Guide Scheme is implemented through the State Governments who send regular reports/returns to the Central Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

Provision of irrigation facilities to the hilly areas of Meghalaya

131. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide irrigation facilities to the hilly areas of Meghalaya with expert technical assistance as well as obtaining financial aid from any foreign agency for the purpose; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?